

**Sec. 23-207. General funding policy.**

(a) Funding for the stormwater management utility advanced program, systems, and facilities shall be equitably derived through methods which have a demonstrable relationship to the varied demands and impacts imposed on the stormwater program, systems, and facilities by individual properties or persons and/or the level of service rendered by or resulting from the provision of stormwater programs, systems, and facilities. Stormwater service charge rates shall be structured so as to be fair and reasonable, and the resultant service charges shall bear a substantial relationship to the cost of providing services and facilities throughout the city. Similarly situated properties shall be charged similar rentals, rates, charges, fees, or licenses. Service charge rates shall be structured to be consistent in their application and shall be coordinated with the use of other funding methods employed for stormwater management within the city, including but not limited to allocations from the general fund. Plan review and inspection fees, special fees for services, fees in-lieu of regulatory requirements, impact fees, system development charges, special assessments, general obligation and revenue bonding, and other funding methods and mechanisms available to the city may be used in concert with stormwater service charges and shall be coordinated with such charges in their application to ensure a fair and reasonable service charge rate structure.

(b) The cost of stormwater management programs, systems, and facilities subject to stormwater service charges may include operating, capital investment, and non-operating expenses, prudent operational and emergency reserve expenses, and stormwater quality as well as stormwater quantity management programs, needs, and requirements.

(c) To the extent practicable, credits against stormwater service charges and/or other methods of funding stormwater management shall be provided for on-site stormwater control systems and activities constructed, operated, maintained and performed to the city's standards by private property owners which eliminate, mitigate, or compensate for the impact that the property or person may have upon stormwater runoff discharged to public stormwater systems or facilities or to private stormwater facilities which impact the proper function of public stormwater systems or facilities.

(d) To the extent practicable, credits against stormwater service charges and/or other methods of funding stormwater management shall be provided for activities which reduce the city's cost of public information and education about stormwater management and may include credits against stormwater service charges to public and private school systems. Credits for educational programs and other activities related to stormwater management provided by public and private schools shall be based on the city's avoided costs as determined by the city engineer and not on the cost of the educational programs or other activities.

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